This ABE training opportunity is being offered in conjunction with the MN Department of Education and the ATLAS program at Hamline University. CEUs indicating attendance will be provided.

AGENDA

**Thursday, October 22**

- **5:30-7:00 pm** TECHNOLOGY Free & Fabulous! Online Learning Materials for Your Classroom – Lakeview 4 – Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt, MN Literacy Council – We will explore a selection of free, high-quality online teaching and learning resources for math, digital literacy, reading, and more. If you are looking for new content to supplement and differentiate instruction, this is the session for you!

- **5:30-7:00 pm** Developing a Future Pathway – Lakeview 6 – Kelly Bahen, AEOA – Participants will examine the Developing a Future Pathway category from the Transitions Integration Framework (TIF). We will look at the skills that are included in this category and ways to integrate activities for building career awareness into ABE and ELL classrooms. Participants will leave with some great ideas for lessons that could be used with any level of ABE or ELL.

- **7:15-8:45 pm** READING More Fun with Text Complexity! (Really!) – Lakeview 4 – Kristine Kelly, ATLAS / Robbinsdale Adult Education and Patsy Vinogradov, ATLAS – Puzzled about text complexity? Continue learning about the CCRS English Language Arts shift of complexity, including the three-part process for determining if a text is high quality and complex enough for your students. Practice analyzing text with a qualitative rubric and examine scaffolding possibilities for making complex texts accessible for ALL students. Even if you attended the Summer Institute pre-conference, this valuable session will give you more guided practice with new texts.

**Friday, October 23**

- **8:00-8:30 am** Registration & Continental Breakfast

- **8:30-9:00 am** Welcome & Announcements – State & ATLAS staff – standards-based education overview

- **9:15-10:45 am** CONCURRENT SESSION #1 (choose one):
  
a) **CCRS Math: Reach Into Rigor** – Lakeview 4 – Amber Delliger, Metro North ABE – Whether you are new to CCRS or have attended previous trainings, this session is for you! We will start with a brief overview of the CCRS in math and then dig deeper into what rigor means for the standards-aligned classroom. Participants will leave with an example of a classroom activity that incorporates the components of rigor.

b) **Liberty and Justice for all...who teach Social Studies** – Lakeview 5 – John Trerotola, Robbinsdale Adult Ed and Pat Weiseler, SE ABE Owatonna – Whether you are new to teaching social studies or want to turn your teaching woes into teaching wows, this interactive session will provide practical content information with an emphasis on economics. You will also leave with useful teaching techniques, “classroom-ready” resources, and practice with “hands-on” activities. All of these tools will allow you to help your students work towards passing the GED Social Studies test or demonstrating their competencies for the Adult Diploma. Multi-level class? One-room schoolhouse? Not a problem, there is something for everyone in this session.

c) **ABE Transition Leaders PLC** – Lakeview 6 – Russ Fraenkel, MDE-ABE – Facilities discussion with NW ABE managers regarding local and regional transition strategies.

- **10:45-11:00 am** Break
11:00-12:30 pm  CONCURRENT SESSION #2 (choose one):

a) The MN ABE Drink: Sour Chemistry with a Sweet Math Elixir! – Lakeview 4 – Heather Turmgren and Danielle Legault, Minneapolis Adult Education – Teaching chemistry doesn't have to leave a sour taste in your mouth! Get the refresher you need while adding some sweet math content to the equation. In this engaging presentation, participants will experience a modeled reading lesson on chemical compounds, ideas for differentiation, possible experiments for hands-on practice, and applications in math. Participants will also leave with useful teaching techniques, “classroom-ready” resources and practice with “hands-on” activities. All of these tools will allow you to help your students work towards passing the GED Science test or demonstrating their competencies for the Adult Diploma. Multi-level class? One-room schoolhouse? Not a problem, there is something for everyone in this session.

b) Build Community, Provide More Individualized Instruction AND Improve Student Persistence with One Surprising Tip – Lakeview 5 – Allison Runchey, Minnesota Literacy Council, and Panel, to include: Sarah Berres, Metro North ABE; Lindsey Himanga, Hiawatha Valley ABE; Tammy Schatz, Moorhead ABE; and Burgen Young, Minnesota Literacy Council – Discover or re-discover a tried-and-true approach to addressing common program challenges such as getting students to stay long enough to make progress and be post-tested, developing the skills needed to pass the GED, and more. Come to this session to hear stories from ABE staff in Greater MN and small programs about the creative ways volunteers can benefit you and your students in and out of the classroom. Bring your questions and join in an interactive discussion about the expansive potential volunteers can bring to your program.

c) ELL Free Curriculum Materials for Teaching Adult Emergent Readers – Lakeview 7 – Lisa Vogl, Vietnamese Social Services – Do you have one or two students who are starting to learn to read and write? The Elder Literacy Initiative, with guidance from the Minnesota Literacy Council, created a curriculum designed to be used by anyone teaching adult emergent readers, including volunteer tutors. Come see this free resource! We'll try a few activities and discuss ways to use the curriculum at your program.

12:30-1:30  LUNCH

1:30-3:00  CONCURRENT SESSION #3 (choose one):

a) Becoming a Standard Adult High School Diploma Program – Lakeview 4 – Brad Hasskamp, MDE – Are you thinking about applying to become a pilot program for the standard adult high school diploma? If you are curious about it, join us for a brief overview and discussion about what local ABE staff can and should do to prepare their program. We will dive into key issues, like the standards, portfolios, and the completion options.

b) MENTAL HEALTH / ACCOMMODATION Victims Among Us: Understanding Key Warning Signs of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Adolescents and Adults – Lakeview 6 – Wendy Sweeney, PANDA-MN ABE Disability Specialists – Come to this session to learn about PTSD and the impact trauma has on individuals. Discuss the types of events that can trigger PTSD, the symptoms, and treatment options. Learn about risk factors for PTSD and the role resiliency plays in recovery. Leave the session with ideas on how to educate and help your students, including mental health resources.

3:00 Evaluations & CEUs

WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

Registration
Cost:
$10.00 for Thursday only
$15.00 for Friday only
$15.00 for Thursday and Friday (get Thursday for free!)

Register online at www.atlasABE.org (click on the purple Calendar of Events button at the top; then use the calendar to navigate to the event)

Meeting Facility: The Sanford Center – 1111 Event Center Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 http://www.thesanfordcenter.net/

Recommended Hotel Accommodations:
A block of rooms is being held at the Country Inn & Suites, which is the new hotel property connected to The Sanford Center for the night of Thursday, October 22, 2015. Make your reservation by October 16, 2015 and mention that you are with the North ABE Fall 2015 Regional to receive the discounted rate of $109.00.
After October 16, the rate is based upon availability. http://www.countryinns.com/bemidjimn

Questions
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NOTE: Registrations must be received by FRIDAY, OCT. 16